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1. At 1336 hours on 8 June 1955, from a position 4 miles northeast of Shepelevskiy light (N 59-59, E 29-07), a battle practice target of considerable size was observed under tow to the southward off Diamond Bank (N 59-59, E 28-46). The target was about 150 feet long and about 30 feet high to the top of the verticals. Three radar reflectors were affixed to the top of the target as shown in sketch No. 1. To the north, under the coast, about three miles offshore abeam of Laiivasta light (N 60-10, E 29-08), there were two vessels which appeared to be very large cruisers or battle cruisers of an old and obsolete type. The after guns of these vessels had been removed and a sort of superstructure had been erected abaft the bridge. Two shots were fired from this direction and there was a vivid flash and a cloud of yellow smoke. At the same time two destroyers of a modern type were observed. [REDACTED] There were also two submarines in the area. [REDACTED] (see sketch No. 2). 25X1

2. At 0440 on the following morning, two cruisers and two destroyers were at anchor in Paldiski Bay. Details of the ships were obscured but a clear outline of masts and funnels was obtained. (See sketch No. 3). 25X1

3. At 1330 hours on 9 June, 25 miles west-southwest of Dagerort light (N 58-55, E 22-15), there was a group of Soviet naval vessels, consisting of one modern destroyer, three KRONSTADT-Class minesweepers, two medium size submarines of the same class, and one small submarine [REDACTED] steering course 067 degrees at a speed of 10 or 11 knots. (See sketches 4 and 5). 25X1

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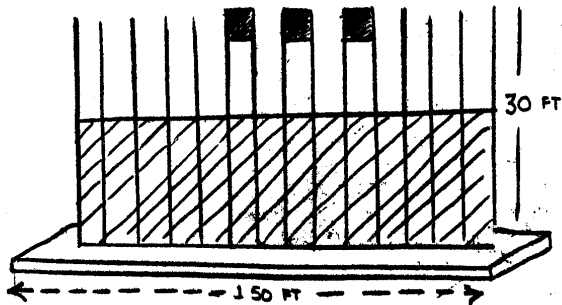
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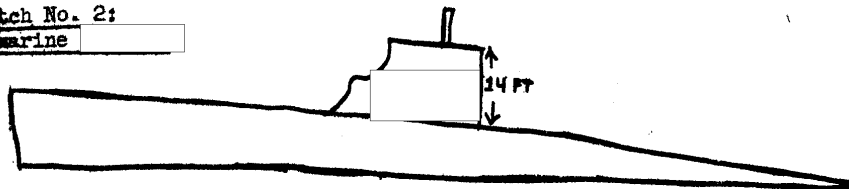
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Sketch No. 1:  
Battle Practice Target Sled:

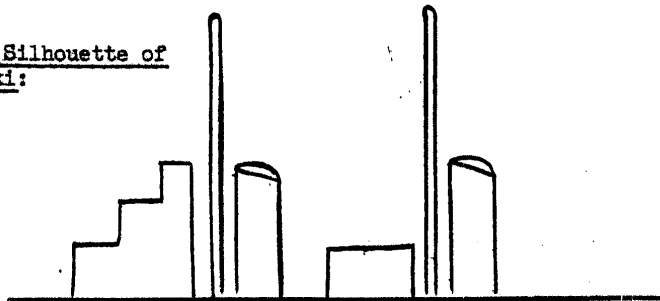


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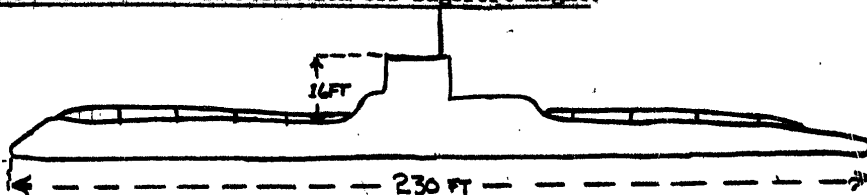


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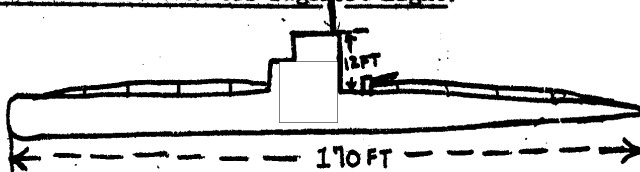
Sketch No. 3:  
Mast and Funnel Silhouette of  
Ships at Paldiski:



Sketch No. 4:  
Medium Submarines in Formation off Dagerort Light:



Sketch No. 5:  
Small Submarines in Formation off Dagerort Light:



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